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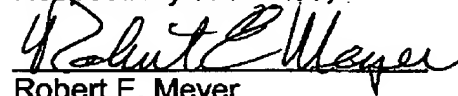
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Sir:

The above referenced U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/679,802 ("the present application") was filed on or after November 29, 1999.

The present application and United States Patent 6,427,021 issued to Fischer, et al. ("021 patent") were, at the time of the invention of the present application, commonly owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity, namely Pitney Bowes Inc.

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